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Description: [Senate File 51](#) creates a new initiative within the Center for Congenital and Inherited Disorders for a public health initiative to raise awareness of Cytomegalovirus (CMV) and congenital Cytomegalovirus (cCMV) among women who may become pregnant, expectant parents, parents of infants, attending health care providers, and others as appropriate. The initiative requires the Center to create and publish, or approve and publish, informational material to be distributed to health care providers, who would provide it to pregnant women and child care providers.

The Act also requires that if a child fails the newborn hearing screening, the child will be tested for CMV or cCMV within 21 days, and the parents will be provided information regarding the birth defects caused by CMV.

Enactment Date: The Act was approved by the General Assembly on April 6, 2017, and signed by the Governor on April 20, 2017.

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